

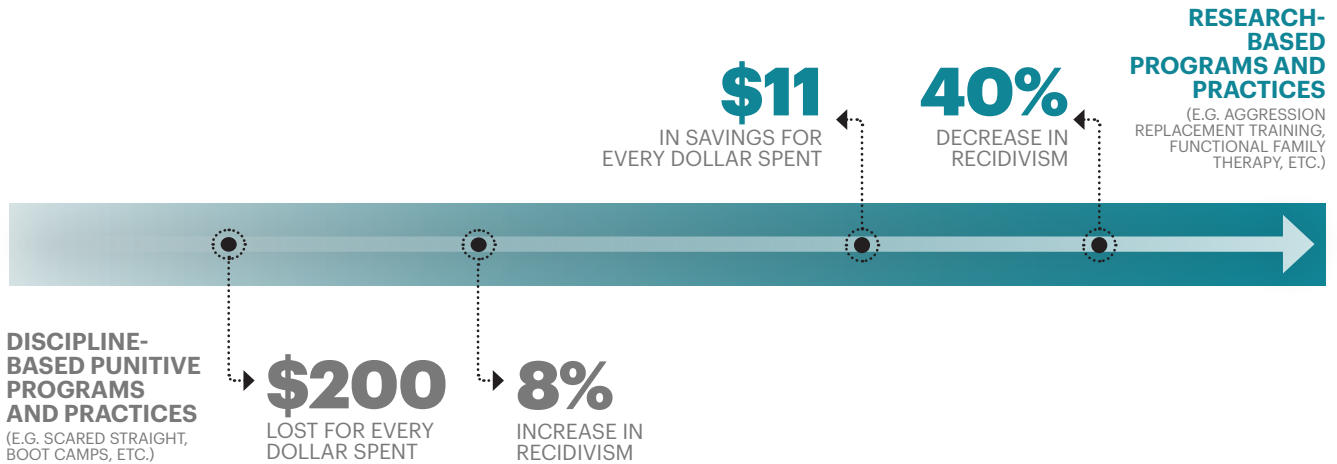
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ASSESSING WHETHER “WHAT WORKS” TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM IS ACTUALLY WORKING



SUCCESSSES

Many states have adopted programs and practices shown by research to reduce recidivism and improve other youth outcomes.

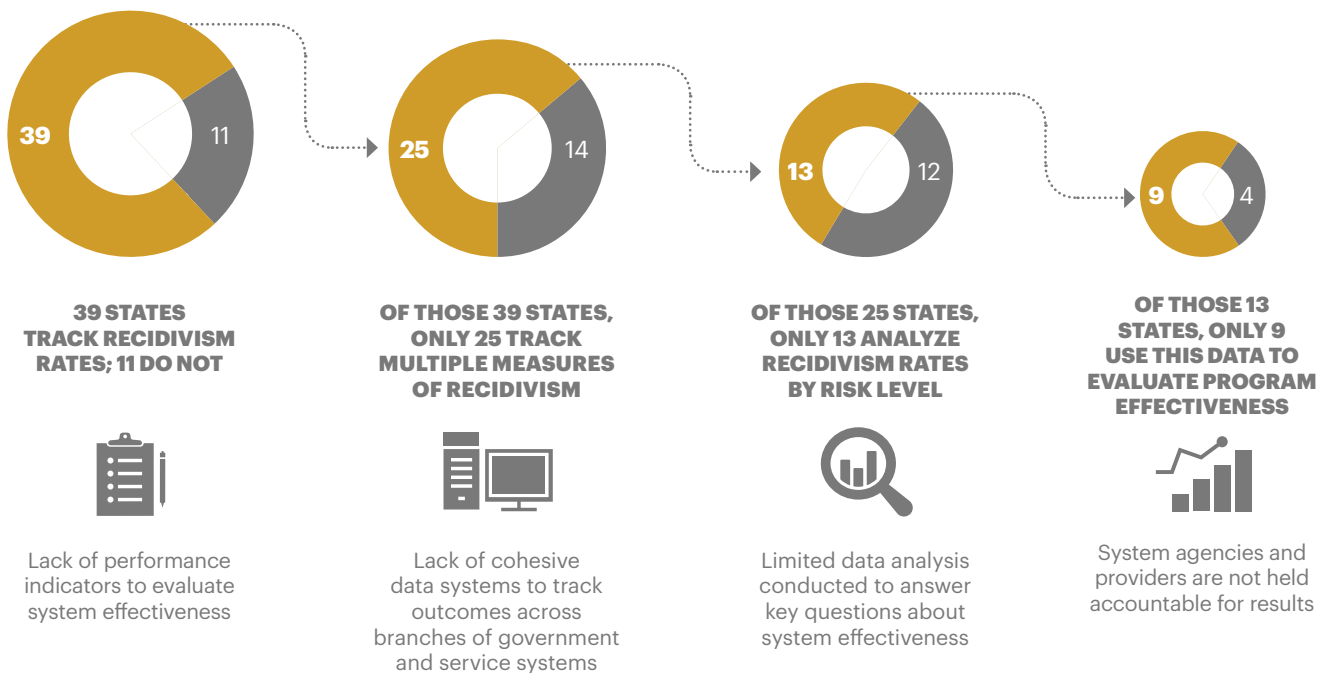


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CHALLENGES

Few states fully track recidivism or other youth outcomes to evaluate whether their program and service investments are producing the expected benefits.



Source: csgjusticecenter.org/youth/publications/measuring-juvenile-recidivism

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USING DATA TO EVALUATE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE AND INFORM POLICY, PRACTICE, AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION



QUESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

How to measure whether resources are being used efficiently to protect public safety and improve outcomes for youth

KEY QUESTIONS POLICYMAKERS AND AGENCY LEADERS SHOULD ASK

- » Have specific measures been identified to evaluate the performance of the juvenile justice system and whether resources are being used efficiently?
- » Does a centralized data system exist to track assessments, supervision, and services for youth across all parts of the juvenile justice system?
- » Is data analyses readily available and routinely shared with policymakers and other stakeholders that shows what's working, what's not, and what improvement efforts are needed?

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING YOUTH OUTCOMES

- » Identify key supervision, service, and youth outcome performance measures and require that an annual progress report is submitted to the legislature.
- » Provide funding to support the creation of a centralized data system to track outcomes for youth across state/local lines and branches of government.
- » Support the matching of juvenile and criminal justice data records to track outcomes for youth into the adult corrections system.

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